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CBNG Water Management Task Force

Mission and Strategy

Mission:

The mission of the Task Force is to evaluate the statutes, rules, policies and practices that guide and control water management in the CBNG industry and identify problems that exist now and may exist in the future. The Task Force will strive to utilize a consensus based approach in making decisions and recommendations related to CBNG water management.

Strategy:

The Task Force shall determine their needs for information and data, and may make requests of agencies, industry, private landowners, and others as necessary to complete its work.

The Task Force may also make assignments and establish deadlines to complete the Mission. This work may be accomplished by the Task Force Coordinator, by independent contractors, or by agencies with the cost of the work to be borne by the Task Force. To the maximum extent possible, the leadership of the work will be shared by all task force members.

A final report containing the results of this review and the recommendations of the Task Force will be published no later than October 1, 2007. An interim progress report will be prepared by December 1, 2006.

There are 7 broad categories of work: **Statutes, Rules (regulations), Policies, Water Management Practices, Water Management Options, Scoping Water Production, Sources and Trends, and the Final Report.**

There are four (at least) elements under each category:

1. Fact Finding. This is aimed at providing the Task Force with background and understanding of the topic as it currently exists.
2. Discussion of the challenges, opportunities and issues associated with the topic.
3. Identification of possibilities where the Task Force may be able to have a positive impact. This involves gaining clarity on any gaps between the “as-is” situation and any goal for improvement.
4. Developing specific recommendations and the work required to implement.

An option would be to address each of the 6 categories using the first 3 elements, and then recycle back using the fourth element. This would ensure that recommendations are made with full awareness of issues and gaps in the other areas.

Assuming that the final report will take three meetings (i.e. first meeting to determine content and outline, the second meeting to review the draft, and the third meeting to agree on the final report), we will have to complete most of our work by the June, 2007 meeting. Suggested milestones are;

September 2006: Identify and summarize issues and conflicts associated with CBM produced water.

October 2006: Complete comparison/ranking of water management alternatives and develop scope of the interim report.

November 2006: Complete review of current rules, regulations and policies and identify regulatory issues.

December 2006: Submit interim report.

April 2007: Complete development of recommendations to address issues related to CBM produced water.

June 2007: develop scope of final report.

October 2007: Submit final report.

It is anticipated that the interim report will provide a summary of public and regulatory issues associated with CBM produced water. In addition, the report will provide a summary of current water management practices. Recommendations will most likely be made in the final report.